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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Ken OYACHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1724

Application No.: 10/520,516

Examiner: Charles S. Bushey

Filing Date: January 7, 2005

Attorney Docket No.: 7390/84218

Confirmation No.: 5956

Customer No.: 42798

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: **February 23, 2007**

Sir:

Applicants respond to the January 24, 2007 Requirement for Restriction. The Examiner interposed a restriction as between claims 1-17 drawn to an apparatus and claims 18-34 drawn to a process. Applicants provisionally elect claims 18-34 drawn to a process. Applicants further provisionally elect a circulating dissolver as a representative species.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to re-join the claims. Re-joinder at this time is requested. In the alternative, Applicants kindly solicit consideration of re-joinder upon indication of allowable elected claimed subject matter.

Applicants solicit favorable action on the merits together with the Examiner's acknowledgement of having carefully, independently considered the information provided with the filed Information Disclosure Statements.

Respectfully submitted,

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